

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1016

Introduced by Assembly Member Canciamilla

February 20, 2003

An act to amend Section 37222 of the Education Code, relating to curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1016, as introduced, Canciamilla. Curriculum: John Muir Day.

Existing law designates and sets aside John Muir Day as a day of special significance and encourages public schools and educational institutions to observe that day and to conduct suitable exercises commemorating that day, as specified.

This bill would authorize the State Board of Education to adopt a model curriculum guide for the exercises and instruction related to John Muir Day.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 37222 of the Education Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 37222. (a) The following days in each year are designated
- 4 and set apart as days having special significance:
- 5 (1) The second Wednesday in May as the Day of the Teacher.
- 6 (2) April 21 of each year as John Muir Day.
- 7 (3) April 6 of each year as California Poppy Day.

(b) On each of the days designated in subdivision (a), all public schools and educational institutions are encouraged to observe those days and to conduct suitable commemorative exercises as follows:

(1) On the Day of the Teacher, exercises commemorating and directing attention to teachers and the teaching profession.

(2) (A) On John Muir Day, exercises stressing the importance that an ecologically sound natural environment plays in the quality of life for all of us, and emphasizing John Muir's significant contributions to the fostering of that awareness and the indelible mark he left on the State of California.

(B) *The State Board of Education is authorized to adopt a model curriculum guide to be available to schools for the exercises and instruction related to John Muir Day.*

(3) On California Poppy Day, exercises honoring the California Poppy, including instruction about native plants, particularly the California Poppy, and the economic and aesthetic value of wildflowers; promoting responsible behavior toward our natural resources and a spirit of protection toward them; and emphasizing the value of natural resources and conservation of natural resources.

(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that the exercises encouraged in this section be integrated into the regular school program, and be conducted by the school or institution within the amount otherwise budgeted for educational programs.